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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) FACILITATING SALE OF VARIABLE  
ROBERT A. KRONENBERGER ) PRODUCT ON THE INTERNET  
Serial No. 09/833,305 ) Group Art Unit 3625  
Filed April 10, 2001 ) Examiner Matthew S. Gart

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, attached hereto is a copy of the Amendment filed January 18, 2005. It is submitted that this Amendment is compliant with Patent and Trademark Office rules.

37 CFR 1.8  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Specifically, the Notice indicates that the Amendment is non-complaint for the following reason:

"No text for claims 1 and 2, 11-13 and 21-22."

While it is true that no text was provided for those claims, those claims have all been cancelled, and were clearly marked as such (e.g., "1. (Canceled)") Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(4)(I):

*No claim text shall be presented for any claim in the claim listing with the status of "canceled" or "not entered".*

Accordingly, it was not only proper to not include the text of those claims, their omission is required by Patent and Trademark Office rules.

The undersigned called the Examiner in this case and pointed this out upon receiving the Notice. The Examiner agreed that the Notice was inappropriate, and the undersigned was referred to Ms. Sonya Williams, who was to have withdrawn this Notice. However, no such withdrawal has been received, and the PAIR system does not indicate that one has been sent out. Follow up attempts to reach Ms. Williams (at 703-305-2272) have been unsuccessful. Moreover, the number indicates that no voice mail has been set up for that number, preventing the undersigned from even leaving a message.

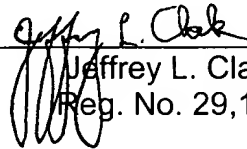
In short, this Notice should be withdrawn and the Amendment forwarded to the Examiner for action. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

Should any extension of time fees be required for this filing despite the above circumstances, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLARK & MORTIMER

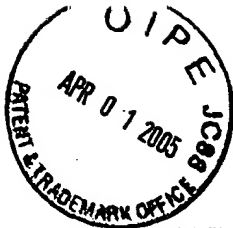
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**AMENDMENT "B"**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2005, Applicant wishes to  
amend his above-identified application as follows:

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